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Dear Sir/Madam:

Dr. Robert Lewis and I have been chosen Chairmen of the 1991 FASEB Summer Research Conference (Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology) on "Cytokines and Lipid Mediators as Regulators of Cell Function" to be held August 11-16 at Copper Mountain, Colorado.

This conference, which is modeled after the Gordon Conferences, will tentatively have sessions on the following topics:

- 1. Cytokines, Phospholipases, G-Proteins and Cell Activation
- Cytokines and Intracellular Phospholipase A.
- 3. Cytokines, Oxygen Radicals and Tissue Injury
- 4. Lipid Mediators and Cell-Cell Interaction
- 5. Cytokines, Lipid Mediators in Immunoregulation
- 6. Gene Regulations on Arachidonic Acid Oxygenation
- 7. Cytokines and Platelet-Activating Factor
- 8. Mechanisms of Cytokines, Lipid Mediators and Inflammation
- 9. Cytokines, Eicosanoids and Receptor Signalling.

About 50 participants from North America, Europe, Israel and Japan tentatively have accepted invitations, depending on financial support in many cases. I have enclosed a separate preliminary list of participants in order to give you a more precise feeling for the high quality, interdisciplinary meeting that it will be. The meeting is particularly useful and important; it is the only conference of this type devoted to this topic. Recent progress on cytokines research has been rapid and exciting, particularly as to the potential new information and ideas that will be generated with the interaction scientists of these two areas of research.

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We are trying to raise at least \$25,000 for partial support of participant's travel and registration expenses (about \$500 each). Thus, I am writing you to inquire about a possible financial contribution. Senior invited speakers, as well as junior investigators, would be eligible for support. The conference will be advertised by FASEB in a late winter newsletter, and it is expected that a large number of people will apply. Attendance is limited to 150. It is important to involve young people in such a meeting for obvious reasons, but they often have the most limited resources.

If you would like more details about the meeting, please contact me and if I am not available, please contact Dr. Robert Lewis. I and the other conferees will greatly appreciate any financial help you can give. Please make checks annotated to: "Cytokines and Lipid Mediators" and made payable to: FASEB, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

Sincerely yours,

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